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FM AMCONSUL THESSALONIKI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1376

INFO AMEMBASSY SOFIA

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SUBJECT: THESSALONIKI- SOFIA- FRG AIR LINK

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT LUFTHANSA WILL ESTABLISH AIR SERVICE THESSALONIKI- SOFIA EFFECTIVE APRIL 3.
2. ROUND TRIP FLIGHTS WILL BE TWICE WEEKLY (TUESDAY AND FRIDAY) ORIGINATING FRANKFURT, TRANSITING MUNICH AND SOFIA, WITH THESSALONIKI TURN- AROUND AND RETURN OVER SAME ROUTE.

COMMENT: (1) THIS IS FIRST AIR LINK BETWEEN THESSALONIKI AND SOFIA, AND WITH EXISTING THREE FLIGHTS WILL INCREASE LUFTHANSA' S SERVICES FROM FRANKFURT- MUNICH HERE TO FIVE WEEKLY. OLYMPIC OPERATES NINE SERVICES WEEKLY FROM THESSALONIKI TO FRG POINTS (FRANKFURT, DUSSELDORF, STUTTGART) AND REPORTEDLY WILL BE STEPPING UP FREQUENCIES SOON. STEADILY INCREASING TRAFFIC REFLECTS FAST GROWING GERMAN COMMERCIAL AND TOURIST INTEREST IN NORTHERN GREECE, AS WELL AS GREATER UTILIZATION OF AIR SERVICES BY MEMBERS OF LARGE LABOR FORCE FROM THIS AREA IN GERMANY.

(2) BULGARIAN EMBASSY COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR HERE HAD EARLIER INDICATED HIS COUNTRY' S INTEREST IN ALSO ESTABLISHING
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